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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action requiring restriction dated May 16, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 1 month shortened statutory period for response, making this paper due June 16, 2006. This reply is timely filed and no petition for an extension of time to respond is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

The Examiner has asked Applicants to elect a single invention from the following:

Group I - Claims 1, 3 and 8-10 drawn to BAPO dimers and multimers and a process for their preparation.

Group II - Claims 2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19 drawn to MAPO dimers and multimers and a process for their preparation.

Group III - Claims 4 and 17 drawn to compounds of formula III.

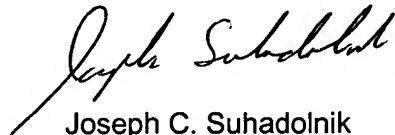
Group IV - Claims 5, 7, 14 and 21 drawn to cyclic BAPO of formula VII and a process for their preparation.

Group IV - Claims 6, 13 and 20 drawn to a process for preparing cyclic BAPO of formula VI.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1, 3 and 8-10.

Consideration of the elected claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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